GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HOMOEOPATHY DISCIPLINE OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent and level of integration in health care delivery and medical education permitted/available in various countries between Allopathic and Homoeopathic disciplines of medicines;

(b) the extent to which such integration is permitted in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make Homoeopathy as a first line of treatment in health care delivery because of its safety efficacy and economically?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The Government have no information on the extent and level of integration. However, it is understood that some countries are conducting Homoeopathy courses for allopathic doctors.

(b) A course capsule on ISM & H containing the principles and concepts has been sent to Medical Council of India for incorporating in the course curriculum of modern physicians. The state governments have been advised to post ISM & H physicians in the Primary Health Centres and District Hospitals.It has also been suggested that the practitioners of ISM & H should be involved in national programmes.

(c) There are 297 homoeopathy hospitals having bed strength of 14,477 and 7437 dispensaries in the country. The Central Government is proposing to draw up schemes for providing home remedy kits in the rural areas, assist hospitals to start ISM & H treatment and open ISM&H wings in the District Hospitals.